

CONVENTION VICTORY IN HAND

Claims 267 Electoral Votes for Roosevelt.

THREE STATES DOUBTFUL

Maryland, Wisconsin, and Illinois Safe in Republican Column—Headquarters Here Closed.

The doors of the headquarters of the Republican National Committee in Washington were closed last night, and the clerks who are to serve in the Empire City left for the new offices in Madison Square last night.

Chairman Cortelyou is to close his affairs here today, and he is to depart for New York tomorrow morning, satisfied of Republican victory in November. Unless the exigencies of the campaign demand it, he will not return to Washington until fall.

Speaker Cannon Here.

His last visit of importance was Speaker Cannon, who is the chairman of the committee that is to notify President Roosevelt of his nomination.

Of course, the President does not know what happened at the Chicago convention, so Wednesday he is to be told all about it by Speaker Cannon and a number of other prominent Republicans. It is expected that Cannon will go to New York with Chairman Cortelyou tomorrow morning, although he may remain here a day longer.

Speaker Cannon talked over the details of the notification plans, and assured Chairman Cortelyou that the Democrats have no more chance of carrying Illinois or Indiana than they have of getting Pennsylvania into the retinue of the maie.

Pleased With Result.

Though stating that the real work of the campaign has not yet begun, Chairman Cortelyou said yesterday he is well pleased with the results of what he has done here. This work consists of much correspondence relative to the organization of various committees, the selection of men to do State and other work, and the making of contracts for pictures, banners, buttons, and other campaign paraphernalia.

Contracts for thousands of lithographs have already been awarded, one with a New York City scene, and another with a Chicago firm. Negotiations are now going on with several Washington photographers for suitable pictures, which will also be used.

Doubtful States Few.

Results of conferences with various leaders who have come here have been of much more importance, and it is said they will later have a definite bearing on the campaign.

On the advice of Chairman Babcock of the Republican Congressional Committee, who had several long talks with Chairman Cortelyou, the latter has practically decided not to interfere in the Wisconsin trouble, Representative Babcock assuring Mr. Cortelyou that the State will certainly go Republican, notwithstanding the factional troubles.

Senator McComas of Maryland, assured the chairman that there would be no danger in Maryland. Other leaders expressed similar views, and the chairman goes away satisfied that the Republicans will carry all of the States which the Democrats are asserting are "doubtful."

Cortelyou's Forecast.

In fact, the following table, prepared at headquarters yesterday, shows just what Chairman Cortelyou believes will happen in the coming election. The electoral votes of the States are given:

For Roosevelt—California, 10; Colorado, 5; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 27; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 13; Kansas, 10; Maine, 6; Maryland, 8; Massachusetts, 15; Michigan, 14; Minnesota, 11; Montana, 3; Nebraska, 3; Nevada, 3; New Hampshire, 4; North Dakota, 4; Ohio, 25; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 34; Rhode Island, 2; South Dakota, 4; Utah, 3; Vermont, 4; Washington, 5; Wisconsin, 12; Wyoming, 3. Total, 267.

Doubtful—New Jersey, 12; West Virginia, 7. Total, 68.

For Parker—Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 9; Florida, 5; Georgia, 10; Louisiana, 9; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 15; North Carolina, 12; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 15; Virginia, 12. Total, 151.

Republican Confidence.

This table certainly indicates belief in the remarkable strength of President Roosevelt, and it also shows why the Republicans are so confidently confident of a victory in November.

The Democrats assert that they can carry New York, New Virginia, and New Jersey, the total electoral votes of which amount to sixty-eight.

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CABINET OFFICERS VISIT BOSTON

Postmaster General Payne and Mr. Hitchcock.

FORMER TALKS ON POLITICS

Expects Fairbanks to Carry the West and Roosevelt to Win in New York.

BOSTON, July 23.—Two members of President Roosevelt's official family—Postmaster General Henry C. Payne and Secretary of the Interior Ethan A. Hitchcock—arrived in this city yesterday.

Secretary Hitchcock made a very brief stay at the Parker House and took the 7 o'clock train for Portland, on his way to a summer resort in Maine, for rest and recuperation.

Postmaster General Payne arrived from Portland on the revenue cutter Mohawk, and went at once to the Hotel Touraine, where he was met by Mrs. Payne and Miss Louise Jones, of Washington.

The Postmaster General appeared to be in much better health than he was when he last visited Boston, after the severe attack of illness which caused his friends so much alarm. His face was somewhat tanned by the sun and his step was firmer and more vigorous.

Mr. Payne remained at the hotel only long enough to change his apparel, and just before 1 o'clock he and Mrs. Payne entered a carriage and went out to dine with friends. They returned to the hotel early, but received no callers. His visit here is not an official one, his cruise along the coast being intended chiefly for the benefit of his health.

Will Carry the West.

In the course of an informal talk with a reporter, Mr. Payne said: "Senator Fairbanks will carry the West, thus giving the Republican party a sweeping victory in the Presidential election of next fall. Roosevelt and Fairbanks form a team that will never go down to defeat, and with the exception of '96, the Republican ticket has not been so strong in years."

"My political beliefs have only begun to simmer and the boiling will come later. The Democratic party has in Mr. Parker a strong man, and whether he will carry New York State or not I do not know, as I am not a New Yorker."

Neither do I know how strong his running mate, Mr. Davis, is in his own State. For months before the Democratic convention I knew that Judge Parker was likely to be nominated. We did not know so much about the second place.

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A Republican Victory.

"All these things indicate a glorious Republican victory, perhaps as great or even more so than that memorable campaign of 1896, when the late President McKinley carried the country by a rousing majority. The West is solid for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. In fact, the West has never before shown such enthusiasm for a Republican candidate."

We know where the South stands. It is some parts of the East that are doubtful. Yet some of these that seem undecided now may go strongly Republican by the time the election comes.

"The fact that Mr. Davis is a West Virginian does not prove that he will carry that State. There are a great many friends of Mr. Roosevelt there, and among the laboring class, too. They have confidence in him, and that is the winning card nowadays. The vote is sure to be a heavy one, possibly the heaviest in years."

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A ONE-LEG BREAKMAN TO BE COMMISSIONER.

Campaign of "Rubey" Oglesby for Nomination—Girls Aid His Cause—Story of Runaway Train.

JEFFERSON CITY, July 23.—A picturesque feature of the Democratic State convention was "Rubey" Oglesby, a one-legged brakeman, who was nominated for railway and warehouse commissioner.

An unusual incident in his campaign for the office was the descent upon this city of sixteen pretty young women from Warrensburg, including a daughter of Senator Cockrell, who pleaded with the delegates in Oglesby's behalf.

Sympathy for Oglesby.

The story of Oglesby and his long fight with a railroad corporation for damages for the loss of one leg is known throughout the State, and has won him much sympathy. Oglesby was a freight brakeman on the Missouri Pacific Railway eleven years ago, when he was seventeen years old.

He left Kansas City one morning in December. At the head of the "Little Blue" hill, east of Independence, the train was late and started down the incline at a speed of seventy-five miles an hour. The train was running away.

The engineer whistled for brakes. Only young Oglesby, who was in the crew, responded to the call. He crawled over icy box cars and set brakes. A car broke in two. Oglesby was thrown to the tracks and both legs were pinned to the frozen ground.

He was there for two hours before released, and then he had to help with the jack saw to rip the car. He was in the hospital for months, and finally his leg was amputated six inches from the hip.

He brought suit against the railroad company and got a verdict for \$15,000 damages. The supreme court affirmed the case three times, granting rehearings as many times, and finally about a year ago reversed the case. In other words, after ten years' litigation, the supreme court decided Oglesby had no case, and forever denied him the right to ask for damages from the railroad for the loss of his limb, besides months of suffering.

An editor in Warrensburg criticized the supreme court in his paper. He was fined \$500 for contempt. This fine was paid by public subscription.

Every Republican voted for it and every Democrat against it. To show how the mature judgment of even a good and perhaps a great man may reach wrong conclusions on questions of the greatest importance, neither party can claim to be right.

On the other hand, the Republican judgment, I cite the fact that the present Democratic nominee for Vice President, Mr. Bryan, has been elected by a large majority of the people.

Neither had any political news of moment. Both said that their States were well pleased with Judge Parker, and that he would get the full vote of the solid South.

Very little developed during the week in the Democratic situation, and gossip turned to well beaten paths. Edwin Sefton's candidacy for the secretaryship of the national committee was taken up and made much of. He has been after the place for nearly a year, and he has the support of former Senator Jones and a number of other powerful party men. He will go to New York this morning to be at the meeting of the committee on Tuesday.

Gorman Will Not Accept.

Private advice reached headquarters yesterday confirming the reports that Senator Gorman will not accept the chairmanship of the national committee, and the place would probably go to Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, should Judge Parker not insist upon some other man.

It was also announced that Henry G. Davis, the Vice Presidential candidate, had decided to have his nomination at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., but the date has not yet been fixed. It is expected that the ceremonies, however, will take place about the middle of August.

Action of Committee.

The probable action of the national committee at the Hoffman House was the topic of most of the gossip and speculation yesterday.

About the first duty of the committee will be to elect a new chairman, and as things look here it will be Taggart. Gorman will not take it, and William F. Sheehan, of New York, prefers to be behind the throne. August Belmont is said to want the place, but it is understood that he is not wanted by the other leaders, notwithstanding that he has to do much in the way of furnishing campaign funds.

The Secretaryship.

C. W. Walsh, of Iowa, secretary of the old committee, and Ury Woodson, the Kentucky member of the committee, are after the secretaryship, rivals of Sefton. Either Woodson or Sefton will probably get the place. The place of Col. Samuel Donaldson, of Washington, who was sergeant-at-arms, while the present incumbent of the place, John T. Martin, of St. Louis, feels in the lurch.

It is announced that the Democrats are also to have headquarters in New York, and Chicago, and the chairman will be elected a new chairman. These will be opened as soon as the committee concludes its work in New York. Campaign orators are to be turned loose in September.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

LONDON, July 23.—Sir John Simon, K. C. B., former president of the Royal College of Surgeons and of the Royal Society, is dead. He was born in 1818.

Summer Wines

Sensible Hot Weather "Don'ts" are incomplete if the rule is omitted, "Don't drink ice water straight (add to it a modicum of red wine—the astringent principle and the grand tartaric acids, inherent in good wines, temper the blood, prevent chilling the stomach, fight against harmful microbes. Additional virtues reside in

Chris Xander's Virginia Clarets

X. X. X. and Norton, \$1.75 to \$4.00 dozen, namely, in its abundance of iron in the most perfect form.

These Wines, and likewise Chris. Xander's Virginia Ports, \$1 to \$4 gal., are enormously vinous. By their sweetness they nourish so much that in one bottle of Pride of Virginia Port there is more nutriment than in dozens of beer, ale, or stout.

In Chris. Xander's stock there are six California Clarets from \$2.50 to \$4 dozen. Besides there are in stock the highest American Claret types, viz., the Cresta Blanca Clarets, \$5.50, \$7, and \$8 dozen. Selection can be made from 38 red wines imported from France. Further, the most famous patron will be delighted by that Spanish Rioja Claret, \$8 dozen, which has become so popular in Europe, that the first-class hotel there can omit it on its wine list. Of equal merit is the Italian Chianti Stravecchio—\$8 dozen.

CHRIS XANDER'S,
The Quality House, 909 Seventh Street.
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MEATS ALL FREE FROM POISONS

Health Officer So Reports to Commissioners.

THE RESULT OF INSPECTIONS

Authorities Well Pleased With the Investigation Recently Made by District Chemist Lynch.

All meats sold in the District shops and markets are free from harmful drugs and preservatives damaging to the human system.

This fact was yesterday reported to District Commissioner Macfarland by Health Officer Woodward, as a reply to Mr. Macfarland's request that thorough inspections be made of the meats sold in the District with a view to ascertaining whether they were damaged by chemical preservatives. The commissioner instituted the inspections after reading in the newspapers that the Pennsylvania authorities had discovered that there was in that State a pretty general use of chemicals in the treatment of beef.

Analyses Were Made.

The result of the District inspections was reported to the Health Officer by Acting Chemist R. L. Lynch, of the Health Department, who says he subjected to chemical analysis eighteen samples of beef and meat procured from the leading dealers and market men in this city. The result was wholly satisfactory.

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Result Is Final.

The result of such a thorough investigation, the authorities point out, must be accepted as final, and it leaves but one conclusion possible, that the meat dealers of Washington are thoroughly honest in their claim that they sell only good and wholesome meat.

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POWDER KILLED TWO BROTHERS.

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 23.—Alvin and Herbert Stotter, two brothers, were probably fatally burned while working at the Elk Lick mine today. A spark from a mining lamp caused a keg of powder to explode while the two brothers were removing the powder from the keg.

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LOTTERY SCHEME FOR FRENCH DEBT

Deputy Lonnay Would Save \$30,000,000.

A REDUCTION OF INTEREST

to Draw for Immense Prizes.

PARIS, July 23.—M. Lonnay, of the French chamber of deputies, has presented a scheme to turn the French national debt into a huge lottery.

The French rents reach the enormous total of over four billion dollars, and the annual interest on them at 3 per cent is \$125,000,000. M. Lonnay would reduce the interest to 2 1/2 per cent, reducing the interest payments by \$30,000,000.

Monthly Drawings.

To compensate the holders for the reduction of interest on would make them partakers in a monthly drawing of prizes. The numbers of all the bonds would be put in a regular lottery wheel, and the lucky people would draw small fortunes.

Nor would the unlucky ones lose anything. They would still have their bonds and be entitled to partake in the next monthly drawing, and so on indefinitely.

Big Prizes.

These monthly prizes would be worth having. There would be one of \$100,000, one of \$50,000, two of \$20,000, three of \$10,000, and so on down to the smallest consolation prize of \$100 each.

Out of the \$30,000,000 saved on interest, only a trifle over \$3,000,000 would be required to pay the prizes, leaving \$27,000,000 for a scheme of workmen's pensions and for the reduction of the national debt.

DISTRICT WILL BUY LOTS FOR PLAYGROUND

The trustees of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church will soon sell to the District for \$3,713 two lots on M Street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets northwest, containing about 7,000 square feet, to be used as a playground for the children of the Magruder and Sumner Schools, which are located on lots adjoining the ones to be bought by the District.

The money was appropriated by Congress for the purchase of this land, owing to the efforts of District Commissioner Macfarland, who has been the pupils of the Magruder and Sumner Schools have had no adequate playgrounds.

COLONEL STEWART KILLED.

NANTUCKET, Mass., July 23.—Col. Charles S. Stewart, United States army, retired, fell from the roof of a hotel at Nantucket, and received injuries from which he died. Colonel Stewart was in charge of the defenses of the Delaware River and bay in civil war days.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. SELLMAN

Found in Bed by Young Willis Thompson.

FLAG-RAISING AT KEMPTOWN

Pleasant Ceremony Attending a Picnic. Gift of Junior Order American Mechanics.

BOYDS, Md., July 24.—Yesterday morning, while Thompson, a little boy who had slept in the home of Lewis Sellman, a farmer near Comus, found him lying half way out of bed dead. Mr. Sellman had been hauling coal to thrash out his crop of wheat, and had not complained of being ill, and when he went to bed in his home he he lived as a bachelor, the boy stayed with him, and in the morning called him early, and he said he was unable to get up as he was sick.

The boy got up and went back an hour later, and found Mr. Sellman, dead. He quickly notified his brother, John P. Sellman, who lives close by, and who was a member of the Legislature from this county two years ago. He went to the room, and found to his horror that his brother was dead. Lewis was very well known. He is survived by three brothers, John, at home; Richard Sellman, in Texas, and Robert Sellman in California. No inquest will be held it is thought.

Flag Presentation.

Today at Kempton, Frederick county, near Damascus, in Brandenburg's fine grove, a big picnic and flag presentation was held, and at least 1,500 persons attended from all parts of Montgomery county, and from Frederick county. The day was a damp, though an inspiring one, for many.

The flag was presented to the Kempton town hall, by the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Keaptown, the flag is of silk, and as it was raised to the top of the pole on the hall, hundreds of persons cheered while the Brownsville corn band played popular airs.

Addresses were made by Glen H. Worthington, ex-Senator Jacob Rolfeback, and John E. R. Wood, of Frederick; Capt. Charles H. Stanley, of Baltimore, and captain of the "Blue Button Army" of the United States, sang solos. The proceeds of sales at the picnic were large and were turned over to the hall.

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